

Commissioners Meeting
January 2, 2007 8:45 am

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger and Logsdon, and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Minutes

December 4, 2006, Executive Session dated December 21, 2006 and Executive Session December 21, 2006. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

2007 Appointment

The term of David Dougan on the Economic Development Board expires January 31, 2007. Logsdon made a motion to re-appoint David Dougan to the Economic Development Board. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Tax Data Request

First American requested a copy of the county's tax data. An email was sent to the Auditor of Porter County, who had a similar request, but no response yet. Shelton will contact them again.

WTH

WTH has a new update to the GIS Think Map that can be purchased. Logsdon questioned what upgrades are needed and who needs the information. Lueken said he spoke with Rex Jones of WTH and Jones was willing to come and speak to the Commissioners about various options and the tax data requests.

SIHO

Mary Beth Hurst of SIHO discussed the new insurance options. If the county stays with Sagamore Plus employees will have access to Deaconess as well as St. Mary's, but the discounts will be less and claims will go up. If the county goes with Sagamore Select the coverage will stay the same. The decision needs to be made by April 1,

2007. Logsdon requested data to see what percentage our costs would go up if the county goes with the Sagamore Plus. Lueken asked to confirm that there will be no effect on the rate or discounts at the other outside hospitals.

Animal Control Ordinance

Lueken presented the latest draft of the Animal Control Ordinance. Sheriff Lindsey questioned who would enforce. Rininger felt more work needs to be done by the Animal Control Board. Logsdon questioned how it is currently handled when a person is bit by a vicious animal. Lindsey said he was given bite reports by the Health Department to fill out when a bite occurs, but there is currently no one trained to handle a vicious animal. Rininger requested the ordinance be tabled. Logsdon stated it was a good ordinance but there is no need to adopt it until we have a facility or an animal control officer. Financial and policy issues need to be resolved. Logsdon made a motion to table. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Maintenance

Maintenance Supervisor Joe King requested the use of 2 trustees (inmates) to assist on maintenance problems. King would also like to have the trustees start taking care of yard maintenance. Lindsey questioned the liability if an inmate gets hurt or commits another crime. Lueken stated our insurance agent Chris Middleton should be included in that discussion.

Logsdon told Chief Deputy Jim McDurmon about the potential for problems between Ameresco and Johnson Control and the control over the systems and passwords needed. If problems get brought up to him, he needs to contact King and Lueken so efforts are not duplicated.

Old EMS Building

King reported that both of the initial estimates received on the remodeling of the old EMS building are over \$25,000. Lueken stated there are guidelines that need to be followed for quotes from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Notice must be mailed at least 7 days prior to the quote opening. The specs need to be more detailed to be able to get quotes that are comparable, specifically the gauge of metal that would be used and the type of roof that would be used. Rininger said the quote opening will be the 1st meeting in February. Lueken reminded that a contract cannot be awarded without funds being appropriated. The quotes will be opened at the 1st meeting in February, then the funds will be requested from the Council and the contract will be awarded at the 2nd meeting in February.

Moment of Silence – President Ford

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the passing of President Ford.

Logsdon made a motion to adjourn. Rininger seconded. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.
Board of Commissioners,

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President	
Attest:	
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Cindy Shelton, Auditor	
